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**Weare Open Space Committee**  
Minutes of January 26, 2010

Members attending: Steve Najjar - Chair, George Malette, Ian McSweeney, Pat Myers - Secretary.  
Guests: None

Chairman Najjar called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes of the December 22, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Ian made a motion to accept the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Hawkes update— Steve reported there is nothing new. The closing on the CE addition will be in early March.

Cleaves - Ian reports the family is OK with the site walk scheduled for Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The family is still deciding what it wants to do.

CATV Ad for members – Pat had emailed everyone a draft advertisement to run on Weare's Cable Channel TV. Everyone agreed it needs to be shorter. George offered some suggestions for shortening the ad that everyone liked. Steve asked that Pat go ahead with the changes and get it on the air without further review.

March WOSC Elections – Steve asked whether anyone would be willing to be the nominee for Chair of the WOSC, stating he was ready to step down. He said he would remain on the committee however. Ian said he would be willing to serve as Chair.

Steve stated he will miss the February meeting.

Melvin Farm Project - Stephen and Heidi Pope – The Piscataquog Land Conservancy has asked the Weare CC to consider providing up to \$16,588 for the project. The WOSC must make a recommendation to the Conservation Commission at its February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. As of the January 9<sup>th</sup> site walk, all WOSC members are familiar with the property.

Reviewing the Criteria for Targeted Land Protection (A. Alderman 6-14-04) the committee checked:

- \* Agricultural Lands – prime soils and active farming (hay).
- \* Scenic vistas
- \* Historic – fields

Other attributes either did not occur on the property or did not apply to farmland protection.

Members discussed the January 9<sup>th</sup> site walk.

WOSC members reviewed the final project budget provided by PLC's Eric Masterson at the January WCC meeting. It showed an expense total of \$218,963, composed of the CE purchase price/appraised value (\$200,500) and 9 smaller expenses. On the revenue side, the FRPP provided 50% of the purchase price (\$100,250), the Popes provided the maximum 25% match (\$50,125), and the Mildred Hall Trust has pledged \$50,000, which if approved by the BOS at their February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, would be the other 25% required local matching funds. Revenue total was \$202,375. The \$16,588 difference between expenses and revenues is the amount requested from the WCC.

At this point members realized that with Ian and Pat both stepping aside, there weren't enough to vote.

There being no further discussion, Pat made the motion to adjourn. Ian 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all voted yes and the meeting ended at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Myers  
WOSC Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk, BOS, Merry Rice, WOSC files